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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: GN Docket 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

One of our favorite sayings at the Donaldsonville Chamber of Commerce is that our town is like our gumbo: it's got a little bit of everything. It's true. We're the birthplace of jazz; home to the largest cargo airport in the country; and as the one-time state capital, have a rich and diverse history.

What could make our town even better? Improving our access to the most up-to-date communications technologies. As a relatively rural town, we're behind our urban counterparts in terms of access to high-speed wireless broadband. The merger between AT&T and T-Mobile that is pending has the potential to change that.

As part of the terms of the merger, AT&T has promised to invest in expanding its 4G wireless broadband network to reach an additional 55 million Americans. Some of those people live in Donaldsonville. Access to this high-speed service will allow our citizens to connect to lifesaving telemedicine and online education and job training programs and give our businesses access to state-of-the-art business platforms that will make them more competitive.

In short: approval of the T-Mobile/AT&T merger will enable the citizens of Donaldsonville to make our already beautiful and interesting town even more so. I urge you to support it publicly.

Sincerely,

Becky Katz, Executive Director
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